

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1**  
**Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing**  
**July 29, 2015**

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Non-Indian mainstem commercial salmon Non-Indian Select Area commercial salmon Treaty Platform/Hook and Line
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available on-line. The most recent report is the 2015 Fall Report (July 14, 2015). Links to the on-line reports are: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/> and <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/reports.asp>*

**STOCK STATUS**

***Fall Chinook***

- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of six major management components: Select Area Brights (SAB), Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB). The MCB component is comprised of Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB), Pool Upriver Bright (PUB), and Lower River Brights (LRB).
- The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tules and the LRW, SAB, URB, and MCB stocks are referred to as brights.
- The URB, BPH, and PUB Chinook are destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam, and in aggregate comprise the upriver run. Lower river components include SAB, LRH, LRW, LRB, and BUB Chinook stocks.
- The forecast for the 2015 fall Chinook adult return to the Columbia River totals 925,300 fish which would be another strong run. The forecast is 80% of the 2014 actual return (1,159,100) and 147% of the 2005-2014 average return (631,200).
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total nearly 649,000 upriver fall Chinook adults. Passage is typically 50% complete by September 8.

***Upriver Summer Steelhead***

- Upriver summer steelhead pass Bonneville Dam from April through October of each year. Fish passing during July through October are categorized as Group A or Group B based on fork length (Group A <78 cm, Group B ≥78 cm). Passage during July is mainly Group A fish; Group B passage primarily begins around the end of August. Group B steelhead primarily return to Snake River tributaries in Idaho, while Group A steelhead return to tributaries throughout the Columbia and Snake basins.
- The forecast for the combined Group A/B steelhead return to Bonneville Dam totals 298,800 fish, including 107,100 wild fish (36%). The Group A forecast is 105% and the Group B forecast is 80% of their respective 10-year averages.
- Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1-27 total nearly 40,000 fish, which is much less than expected (73,000). Passage at Bonneville Dam (July-October) is typically 50% complete by August 11.

**Lower Columbia River Coho**

- The 2015 Coho forecast to the Columbia River is for a strong return of 539,600 adults, which includes 377,300 early stock and 162,300 late stock. The forecast is 117% of the 2005-2014 average of 459,800 fish.
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total 190,500 adult Coho, which represents 65% of the total ocean abundance of Columbia River Coho destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam.

<b>Columbia River Mouth Adult Fish Returns Actual and Forecasts</b>					
			<b>2014</b>		<b>2015</b>
			<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
<b>Fall Chinook</b>	LRH - Lower River	Hatch.	100,700	101,900	96,800
	LRW - Lower River	Wild	33,400	25,800	19,300
	BPH - Bonneville Pool	Hatch.	103,200	127,000	163,900
	URB - Upriver Bright		919,000	684,200	518,300
	Snake River Wild	Wild	61,000	21,600	20,900
	MCB - Mid Col. Bright		344,200	203,800	114,700
	BUB - Bonn. Upr. Br.	Hatch.	45,000	31,600	25,200
	LRB - L. River Brights	Wild	1,900	2,300	1,400
	PUB - Pool Upr. Br.	Hatch.	297,300	169,900	88,100
	SAB - Select Area Br.	Hatch.	10,100	16,500	12,200
<b>Total Fall Chinook</b>			<b>1,510,600</b>	<b>1,159,100</b>	<b>925,300</b>
<b>Coho</b>	Early stock		367,100	605,300	377,300
	Late stock		271,200	360,700	162,300
	<b>Total Coho</b>			<b>638,300</b>	<b>966,000</b>
<b>Steelhead Upriver Summer (to Bonneville Dam)</b>	Group A-run Index	<b>Total</b>	<b>241,400</b>	<b>260,100</b>	<b>257,700</b>
		Wild	82,400	109,300	95,400
	Group B-run Index	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>41,100</b>
		Wild	6,500	13,300	11,700
	<b>Total Upriver Steelhead</b>			<b>272,400</b>	<b>307,200</b>
			Wild	88,900	107,100

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

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## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

### *Salmon/Steelhead*

- The "2008-2017 U.S. v Oregon Management Agreement" (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall Chinook, steelhead, and Coho.
  - The allowable impact rate for combined treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries is 45% of the URB run based on preseason forecasts (URB stock is the surrogate for SRW Chinook). This impact limit is allocated 30% for treaty Indian fisheries and 15% for non-Indian fisheries.
  - The escapement goal at Spring Creek Hatchery is 7,000 adult fall Chinook (BPH stock).
  - The management goal for adult fall Chinook at McNary Dam is 60,000 fish.
  - The allowable impact to wild summer steelhead (Group A and Group B index) during the fall season is 2% for non-Indian fisheries and treaty Indian impacts are limited to 30% of the total Group B index.
  - The goal for upriver Coho passage at Bonneville Dam is 50% of the ocean abundance.
- The allowable exploitation rate (ER) for lower Columbia River (LCR) tule Chinook is 41% for ocean and Columbia River fisheries combined. The ER for in-river fisheries is expected to be 8.7%. A portion of the LRH component is used as a surrogate for LCR tules.
- The allowable ER for lower Columbia natural (LCN) Coho is 23% for ocean and Columbia River fisheries combined. The ER is expected to be 9.4% in Columbia River fisheries. Unmarked Coho are used as a surrogate for LCN Coho.
- The escapement goal for LRWs in the North Fork Lewis River is 5,700 adult fish.
- The broodstock goal for Big Creek Hatchery is 2,900 adult Chinook.
- Impacts to Columbia River Chum are limited to 5% of the run.
- Commission guidance allocates ESA impacts for SRW and LCR tule Chinook. Commercial fisheries are to be assigned no less than 30% of the impacts available to non-Indian fisheries for both these stocks and recreational fisheries are assigned no more than 70%. LCR tule impacts are the most constraining and can limit the access to URBs.
- Fall season non-Indian fisheries will be managed in accordance with the "2015 Non-Indian Columbia River Summer/Fall Fishery Allocation Agreement". This agreement was completed through the North of Falcon (NOF) public process, which includes input from recreational and commercial fishing constituents.
- Included in the allocation agreement are season structures and catch expectations for sport and commercial fisheries. Based on this agreement, LRH impacts are shared 70% sport and 30% commercial and URB impacts are shared 55% sport and 45% commercial.

## 2015 NON-INDIAN FALL FISHERIES

### *Recreational Fall Salmon Fisheries*

- 2015 fall season recreational fisheries developed through the NOF process includes the following season structure and catch expectations by area.
  - The Buoy 10 fishery will begin on August 1 with a two fish/one Chinook daily bag limit through September 7 (Labor Day). During September 8–30 Chinook retention is scheduled to be closed. A mark-selective fishery (MSF) may be considered in-season during all or part of the non-retention period. Beginning October 1, Chinook retention will reopen with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
  - The mainstem recreational fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam will be open August 1 through December 31 but Chinook retention seasons and bag limits vary by river section with the intent of maximizing opportunity while minimizing impacts to LCR Chinook. The following describes the expected season and bag limits by area.
    - From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Warrior Rock, Chinook retention is allowed August 1 through September 7 followed by a Chinook MSF from September 8–14. The daily limit through September 14 is two fish/one Chinook. Beginning October 1, Chinook retention will reopen with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
    - From the Warrior Rock line upstream to the lower end of the dock at Steamboat Landing Park near Washougal, WA, the fishery will be open for Chinook retention August 1 through December 31 with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
    - From Steamboat Landing Park upstream to Bonneville Dam, the fishery will open for Chinook retention August 1 through December 31 with a three fish/three Chinook daily bag limit, but no more than two may be Coho or steelhead (in any combination).
- The mainstem fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to Highway 395 Bridge (in Pasco, Washington) will open on August 1 with a three fish daily bag limit, but no more than two may be Coho or steelhead (in any combination).
- To maximize opportunity, sport fisheries are expected to remain open for hatchery Coho and steelhead throughout normal seasons and areas, including times and areas closed for Chinook retention.
- During all fall fisheries from Buoy 10 upstream to the OR/WA border (upstream of McNary Dam) each legal angler aboard a vessel may continue to deploy angling gear until the daily adult salmonid bag limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.

### *Mainstem Commercial Fall Salmon Fisheries*

- The Early Fall (August) fishery is modeled to begin on Sunday, August 9 in Zones 4-5 and consist of two to three fishing periods per week through August. If harvestable Chinook remain on the August allocation, an additional period(s) in early September with reduced time or area may be considered.

- Fishing hours during August are expected to be 9 PM – 6 AM, and mesh size will be 9-inch minimum.
- The Late Fall fishery is expected to begin the week of September 13 in Zones 4-5 with 8-inch or 9-inch minimum mesh.
- Coho-directed fishing periods are expected to occur in Zones 1-3 during October using 3.75-inch mesh tangle nets and the traditional unslackened 6-inch maximum-mesh gillnets.
- Beach and purse seine fisheries will occur during the fall of 2015. Recommendations for the season structure will be discussed at a Compact hearing in August. These fisheries were assigned up to 10% of the commercial LRH ESA-impact allocation. The season structure and participation is expected to be similar to the 2014 research fishery.
- White sturgeon harvest is prohibited effective January 2014 in all Columbia River fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam consistent with the policies adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commissions of both Washington and Oregon.
- Considering the modeled season structure for the 2015 fall commercial season and input from the CRCAG, staff is making the following recommendation:

<b><i>Recommendation: 2015 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Nine 9-hour fishing periods during August 9–28
Week 33	9 PM Sunday August 9 to 6 AM Monday August 10
<i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Tuesday August 11 to 6 AM Wednesday August 12 9 PM Thursday August 13 to 6 AM Friday August 14
Week 34	9 PM Sunday August 16 to 6 AM Monday August 17
<i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Tuesday August 18 to 6 AM Wednesday August 19 9 PM Thursday August 20 to 6 AM Friday August 21
Week 35	9 PM Sunday August 23 to 6 AM Monday August 24
<i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Tuesday August 25 to 6 AM Wednesday August 26 9 PM Thursday August 27 to 6 AM Friday August 28
Area:	Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.
Sanctuaries:	Washougal and Sandy Rivers
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule <b>NOT</b> in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. <u>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically</u> pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

- The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2015 Fall Allocation Agreement.

- Restricting the fishery to a 9-inch minimum mesh size will reduce handle of steelhead and sub-legal sturgeon.
- Restricting the fishing area to Zones 4-5 will reduce catches of LCR tule Chinook.
- Catch expectations total 41,000 Chinook, compared to the 47,500 allocated to the Early Fall commercial fisheries. Chinook catch is expected to build as the fishery progresses. Weekly catch expectations include:
  - Week 33 = 3,100 Chinook; Week 34 = 4,900 Chinook; Week 35 = 33,000 Chinook
- The most constraining stock is LRH Chinook, and a total of 1.7% ESA impacts have been reserved for Early Fall commercial fisheries. The proposed fishery is expected to accrue 1.4% LRH impact.
- ESA impacts to wild upriver summer steelhead are expected to be 0.24% for Group A and 0.13% for Group B for the proposed fishery compared to the 2.00% total allowed for each group during the fall season.
- Ex-vessel prices (per pound) during the 2014 Early Fall season averaged \$1.93 for bright Chinook, \$0.55 for tule Chinook, and \$1.25 for Coho.
- If adopted, modifications to the fishery may be needed as the season progresses to ensure that harvest generally falls within the catch guideline and ESA allotment for the Early Fall.

### ***Select Area Fall Fisheries***

- Expected harvest in Select Area fishing sites include 64,700 Coho and 6,300 SAB fall Chinook.
- Coho returns to Select Area sites are similar to the average returns observed over the past five years.
- The expected return of 11,300 tule fall Chinook to Big Creek exceeds hatchery broodstock needs, providing Chinook harvest opportunity in the Knappa Slough site.
- Returns of tule fall Chinook released from Deep River net pens since 2009 will allow for opportunity to conduct Chinook-directed fisheries in Deep River during August.
- 2015 fall Select Area fisheries were discussed at a public meeting held June 11 in Astoria, Oregon. Regulations and season structure proposed for 2015 are generally similar to those adopted since 2001. Similar to 2014 and per industry request, the proposed season structure for Deep River is intended to increase the efficiency of the fishery and to better distribute harvest throughout the fishing area.
- Recreational fisheries in Select Area sites are currently open under permanent regulations.

**Select Area Commercial**

**Deep River Fishery**

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Compact action. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<b>Recommendation: 2015 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</b>	
Season:	Monday and Thursday nights during August 17–28 (4 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights August 31 – September 4 (4 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights September 7–26 (15 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights Sept. 28 – October 16 (12 nights) Monday night October 19 (1 night) Open: 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) August 17 – September 12 6 PM – 9 AM (15 hours) September 14 – October 20
Area:	Deep River Select Area: all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
Gear:	Gillnets. Maximum mesh size restriction is 9 ¾ -inch through September 12, and 6-inch thereafter. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. “River, stream, or channel width” is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015(1)).  Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery <u>may</u> be onboard the vessel if properly stored. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have <u>lighted buoys</u> on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. <u>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.</u>

- August fishing periods provide opportunity to harvest Chinook returning to Deep River.
- Use of large mesh gear focuses harvest on Chinook during peak abundance.
- The change in mesh size is intended to reduce Chum handle and maximize Coho harvest.

- The season concludes in late October, when Chum abundance is building and few Chinook or Coho of commercial quality are typically landed.

***Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery***

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<b><i>Recommendation: 2015 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (46 nights) from August 24 through September 18 and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 20 through October 30 Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) through September 11, and 4 PM – 10 AM (18 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season. The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.  The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.
Gear:	Gillnet with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms. In the Tongue Point fishing area: weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have un-stored gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area onboard the vessel.  In the South Channel fishing area: no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.  Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. <u>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.</u>

- An earlier start date plus expanded hours and days per week beginning in mid-September provide additional fishing opportunity as previously requested by industry.

***Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery***

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough and require Compact action.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<b><i>Recommendation: 2015 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (46 nights) from August 24 through September 18 and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 20 through October 30 Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) through September 11 and 6 PM – 10 AM (16 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough.  The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. Markers define an area closure of about a 100-foot radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
Gear:	Gillnet with a 9 ¾ -inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.  Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. <u>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.</u>

- Similar to the Tongue Point/South Channel fishery, increased nightly fishing hours and additional days per week begin in mid-September to maximize harvest opportunity.
- The 9¾-inch maximum mesh size should provide adequate opportunity to harvest surplus fall Chinook predicted to return to Big Creek Hatchery.

***Youngs Bay Fishery***

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action, but all waters are open to Washington licensed fishers.

<b><i>Recommendation: 2015 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i></b>		
Season:	7 PM Tuesday to 7 AM Thursday weekly during August 4–20 7 PM Monday September 7 through noon Friday October 30	Three 36-hr periods (53days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; including the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge and the lower Lewis and Clark upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.	
Gear:	<p>Gillnet with a 9¾ -inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 20 and a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter.</p> <p>Restrict net to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.</p> <p>Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.</p> <p>Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.</p>	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad	
Additional Rules:	<u>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.</u>	

- The abundance of SABs to date is much lower than expected. The State of Oregon is deferring action on adopting periods for the last week of August and the first week of September. A modification to the typical fishing schedule during this timeframe may be warranted to allow for broodstock escapement.
- August fishing periods provide commercial harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook while allowing for adequate hatchery escapement and tidewater recreational fisheries.
- The standard fall season upper fishing boundary at Battle Creek Slough is intended to limit harvest of SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area.
- Continuous fishing opportunity throughout the majority of September and October is intended to maximize harvest of Coho.
- The 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction allows the fishery to target Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in late-August will focus the fishery on Coho as their abundance begins to peak.

**Select Area Recreational**

- Select Area recreational fisheries are currently open under permanent regulations. If the abundance of SAB Chinook remains low, modification to the open area and/or season for the Youngs Bay recreational fishery may be necessary to meet SAB broodstock escapement needs.

**2015 TREATY INDIAN FALL FISHERIES**

- The commercial sale of fish caught with hoopnet, dipnet, or hook-and-line will be allowed by the Columbia River treaty tribes during the fall season which begins August 1.
- Washington regulations are already in place to allow sales for Zone 6 treaty mainstem and tributary fisheries during times when lawfully enacted tribal regulations allow sales.
- The following two regulations pertain to sales in Oregon from treaty fisheries:

<b><i>Oregon Staff Recommendation: 2015 Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries</i></b>	
Season:	August 1 through October 31, 2015, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
Area:	Drano Lake, Wind River, and Klickitat River
Gear:	Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line. Gill nets may only be used in Drano Lake.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Legal fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
<b><i>Oregon Staff Recommendation: 2015 Treaty Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries</i></b>	
Season:	August 1 through October 31, 2015
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowed Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence. Legal fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and 43-54 inches fork length harvested in The Dalles or John Day Pools may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.
Additional Rules:	Sanctuaries applicable to these gear types apply.

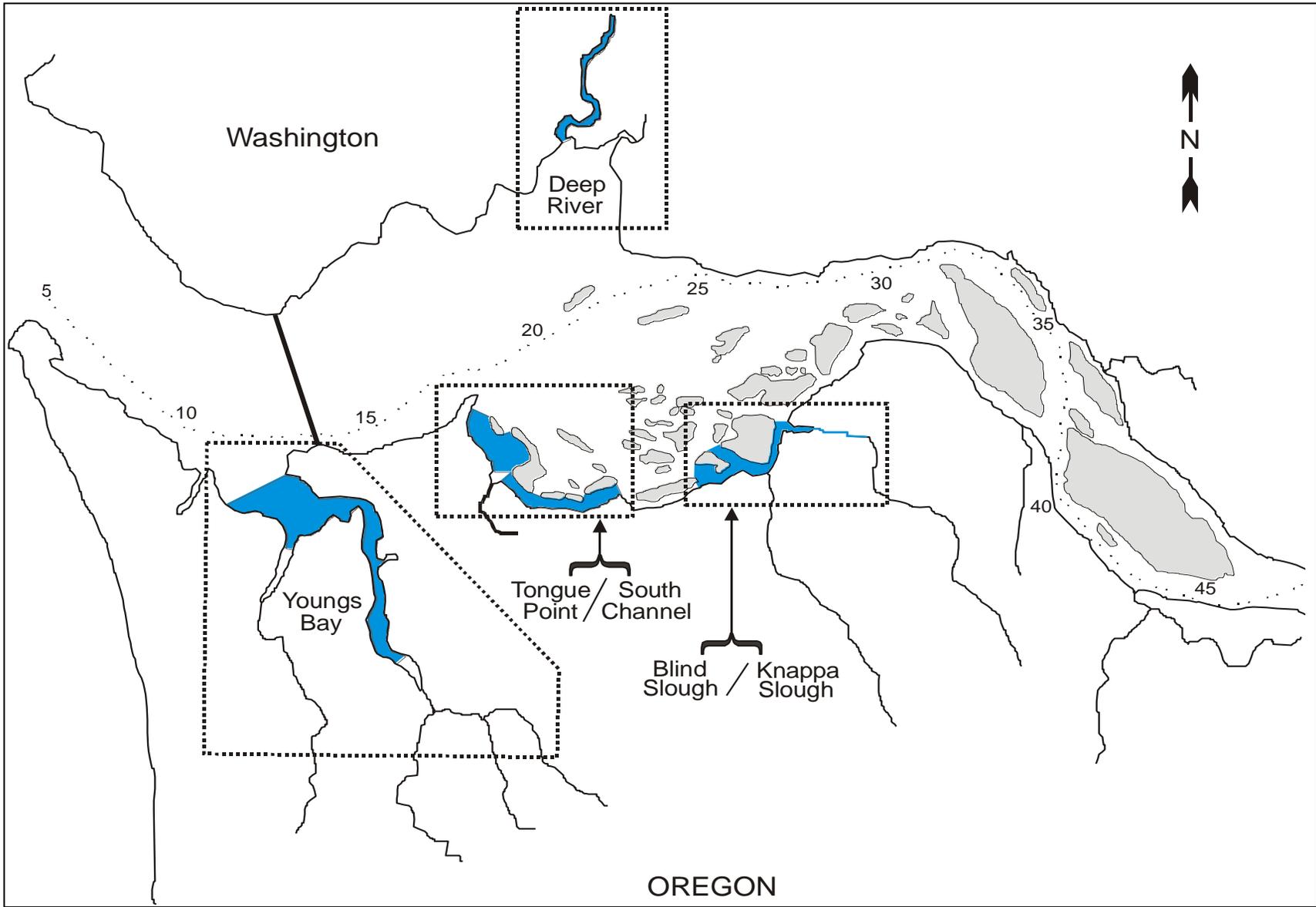
- Both Oregon and Washington need to adopt regulations to allow sales during the fall season in treaty fisheries occurring downstream of Bonneville Dam in accordance with tribal MOUs/MOAs.

<b><i>Joint Staff Recommendation: 2015 Treaty Bank Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam</i></b>	
Season:	August 1 through October 31, 2015, and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations for enrolled tribal members in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA.
Area	Area as defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs
Participants:	Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
Gear:	Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line as identified in tribal rules.
Allowable Sales	Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence. Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Fish may not be sold on USACE property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE property for sale. Legal fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting is required as provided in WAC 220-69-240, for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket (not 24-hours after the period concludes).

<b><i>Issues Requiring Compact/State Consideration</i></b>
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### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Staff is recommending a Compact hearing be scheduled via teleconference for 1 PM Tuesday August 11 to consider non-Indian commercial seine fisheries.



**Fall Select Areas Fishery Locations**

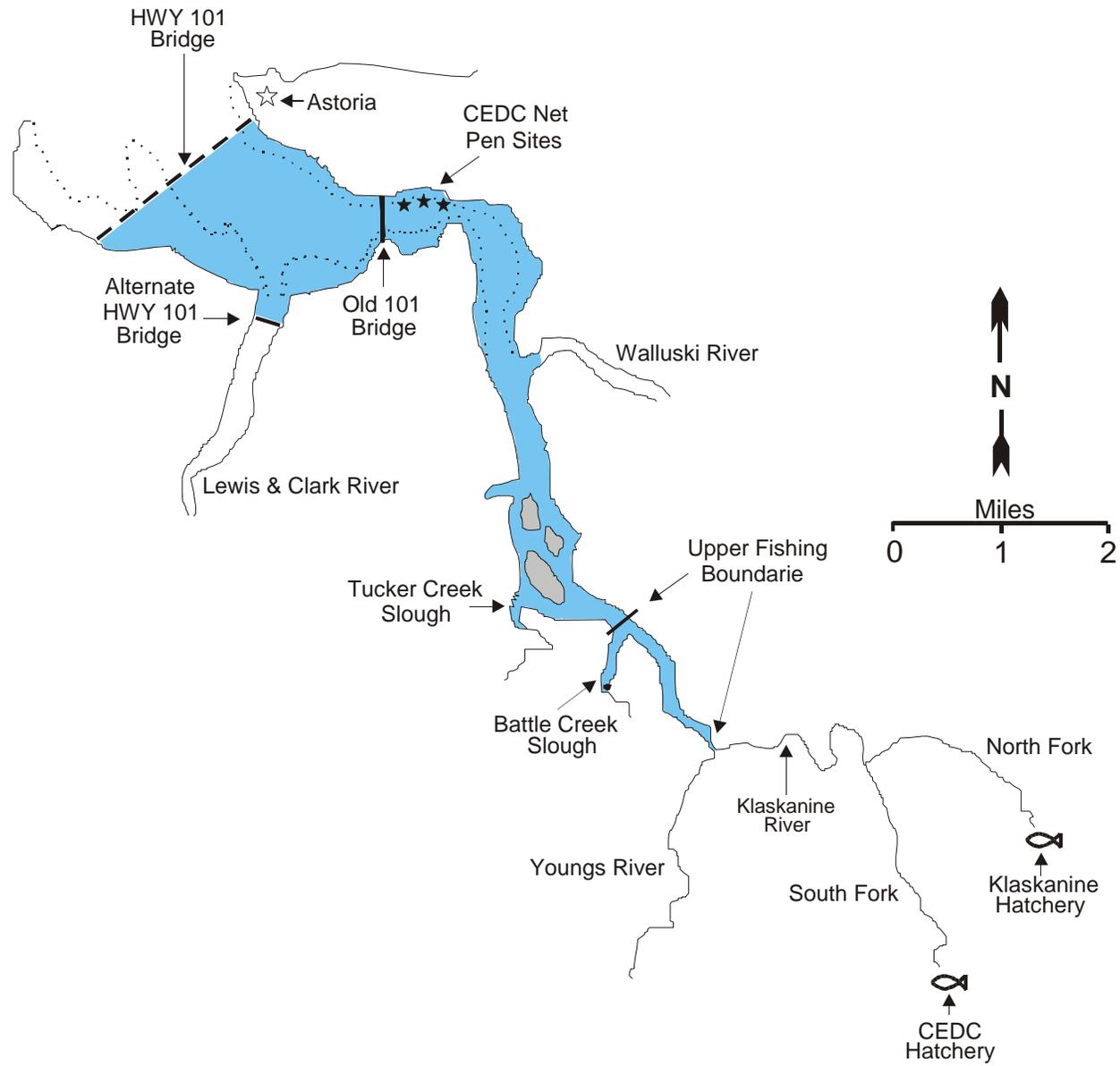
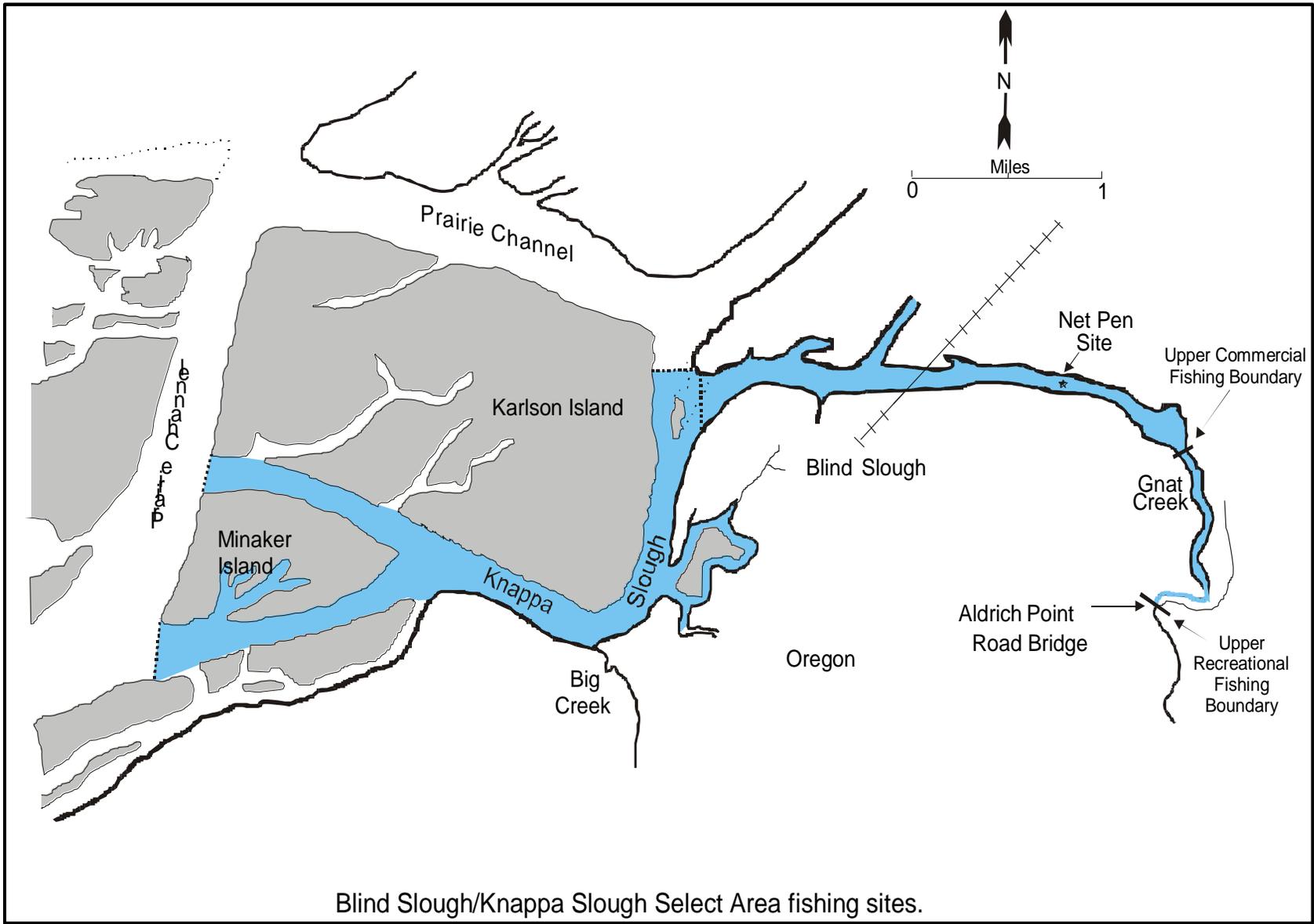
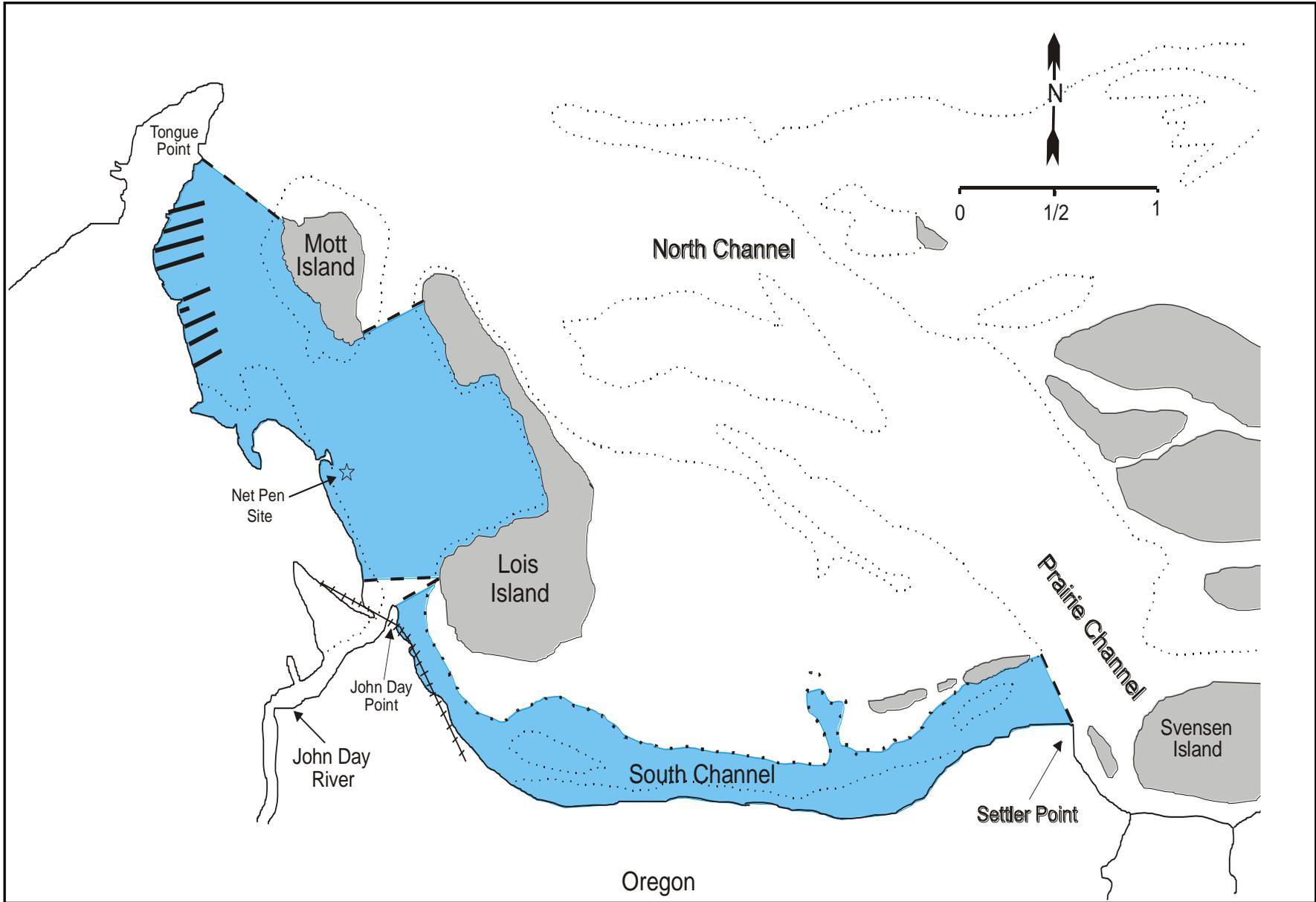


Figure 2. Youngs Bay select area fishing site.





**Tongue Point/ South Channel Select Area Fishing Sites**

